

Colfax Street/Camp Resolution Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Why wasn't the community engaged on this plan?	<p>The community was engaged early on about a Colfax Street shelter when the plan was to make this a Tiny Home Community as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan for Homelessness. However, after getting informed by the Water Board that such plan could not be accommodated at this site, plans were put on hold until Safeground Sacramento approached the City about leasing the space.</p> <p>The pilot agreement was just signed on March 30th and there are still terms that must be met as part of an operations plan, and the community will be able to participate in that process.</p>
Why is the City allowing people to remain on contaminated land?	<p>On January 13, 2022, the Water Board issued a variance with additional conditions to the City which allows the use of the Premises as a Safe Parking Shelter. A Safe Parking Shelter is a parking lot that allows individuals living in their vehicles to park overnight. The City has been permitted by the Water Board to use Colfax Street for "Safe Parking."</p>
Why don't you relocate this encampment to another district?	<p>While the City is actively engaged in pursuing every method to secure safe and clean housing for our homeless community, it must also address the interests of neighborhoods and surrounding communities that are negatively impacted by encampments.</p> <p>It is understandable that some residents would suggest relocating the unhoused to other districts. That is much easier said than done considering that on any given night there are over 9,000 unsheltered individuals in the City of Sacramento, while the City only has roughly 1100 shelter beds to offer on any given night.</p>
Why is the City putting the unhoused before the permanent residents?	<p>There is little the City can do (legally) to address encampments on City property as long as there are not enough shelter spaces available.</p> <p>At the same time, it is not the interest, nor intention of Councilmember Loloee to criminalize the unhoused – especially women/mothers that have truly fallen on hard times. Furthermore, pursuant to the requirements of Measure O, the City is obligated to authorize and identify</p>

	shelter spaces, and this lease meets those legal obligations.
Why were the unhoused and Sacramento Homeless Union allowed to take over this land?	<p>Despite what you may read on social media, the fact is, the unhoused and the Homeless Union did not take over Colfax Street. However, the situation involving the existence of a homeless encampment on city property that was originally slated to be a city shelter, did present an opportunity to partner with Safeground Sacramento when they proposed a lease for the benefits of the residents.</p> <p>After Councilmember Loloee learned about the backgrounds of the residents and their desire to create a safe space, Councilmember Loloee decided to explore options to, on a pilot basis, convert the camp to a self-governing, self-financed safe space , a particularly important component for the female residents.</p>
Why is Councilmember Loloee using District 2 funds for the Colfax Encampment?	Councilmember Loloee is not using any of his discretionary budget to fund Camp Resolution. Furthermore, City Manager Chan has also not approved nor directed any general fund monies, nor taxpayer funds to be used to fund Camp Resolution.
How are the unhoused able to operate Camp Resolution/Colfax Street Encampment?	<p>The City of Sacramento has leased its property at 2225 Colfax Street to Safe Ground Sacramento, Inc., a non-profit organization that has agreed to assist the current residents at the site transition to a self-governing “safe-parking shelter,” which will accommodate all the current residents in City-supplied trailers or resident-owned RVs.</p> <p>The lease is signed by Safe Ground Sacramento, who is stepping in to partner with the City to ensure that all the City lease terms are met.</p> <p>There is little cost to the City. <u>The City already owns the trailers that were sitting in storage for two years</u>, prior to agreeing to allow for them to be utilized for this pilot.</p>